

Planning Commission, election to the Clovis City Council, election as Mayor of Clovis, President of the League of California Cities, President of South San Joaquin Division of the League of California Cities Committee, Ex-officio member of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, and Vice-Chairman of the Fresno County Water Advisory Board.

Harry lives in Clovis with his wife Jeanine. They have three grown children: Tom, an attorney; Jim, a businessman; and Megan, a teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Harry Armstrong on his many years of public service and to recognize his 71st birthday. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Harry many more years of happiness.

SUPPORT FOR KAZAKHSTAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, the United States received a tremendous outpouring of sympathy from nations all over the world. One particular nation that has truly responded to the September 11 attack with an offer of real help for the United States is Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan declared that it would support measures taken by the United States to combat terrorism and has offered the United States use of Kazakhstan airspace and the military infrastructure needed to wage the war against terrorism. With its strategic location, Kazakhstan's help is invaluable. I would like to add a statement made on September 15 by President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan to the record.

After declaring independence in 1991, Kazakhstan successfully dismantled what was once the fourth largest nuclear arsenal in the world. Additionally, Kazakhstan continues to serve as a model to the global community in its leadership on disarmament and non-proliferation.

I believe that it is in our nation's interest to continue to support Kazakhstan—a country whose actions have demonstrated a commitment to global stability, non-proliferation, and tolerance for ethnic and religious minorities.

Kazakhstan plays an important role in maintaining and ensuring stability in the region of Central Asia, and is dedicated to playing a role in the fight against terrorism. For these reasons, the United States should do its part to support Kazakhstan.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we have an important ally in Kazakhstan, and I call on my colleagues to show their support for this Nation.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV OF KAZAKHSTAN, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

In these tragic days for America, the people of Kazakhstan are grieving together with the American people about the death of thousands of innocent people.

I am closely following the situation as it unfolds. We stand on the position that the

terrorists must be punished, as well as those harboring the terrorists.

The United Nations and its Security Council have condemned the barbarian act of terrorism and called upon the world community to take resolute actions.

Therefore, Kazakhstan is ready to support the measures undertaken by the United States to fight against terrorism, with all the means available.

Kazakhstan has always been standing against terrorism and is ready to participate in creation of a real international coalition of countries to fight against the international terrorism.

We proceed from the assumption that retaliation should not only be effective, but also should be just. This requires that the state should act with great deal of responsibility. And we rely upon the wisdom of the American leadership. We were pleased to learn that the United States wants to know for sure who has perpetrated these barbaric acts and helped the terrorists before taking actions.

Today I sent a letter to U.S. President George Bush. I expressed Kazakhstan's support for the U.S. actions aimed at fighting against the international terrorism, the global evil that has developed across the entire world.

We hope that the American people will be able to quickly cope with the heaviest psychological blow and remain committed to their great historical values.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the 90th anniversary of the dedication of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, which is being celebrated over several days culminating on Nov. 4 with a Divine Liturgy followed by a banquet and celebration.

When the church was built, the Hanover Section of Nanticoke was still known as the village of Rhone, and immigrants from areas of Russia that are now part of Slovakia and Poland would walk many miles to Wilkes-Barre or to Newport Township to attend church after working long hours each week in the anthracite coal mines of the Nanticoke area.

To unify these groups of Carpatho-Russian settlers in a church closer to home, several families organized to build their own local church to serve their spiritual needs. These founders had family names such as Vancisin (Wanchisen), Cunder (Sunder), Bobak, Ducar, Motika, Pendle, Handoga, Sagan, Brenish, Chromoho, Hrinko, Mititka, Franchak, Sarchinsky, Gula, Franko and Huha.

Construction began in the summer of 1911 and the church was dedicated on October 29 of that year with Father Kieko from Russia performing the first services.

This year, several members of the church hierarchy will join the pastor, the Very Rev. Stephen Karaffa, and the parishioners in Nanticoke for the Divine Liturgy commemorating

the dedication and sacrifices of those founding members. Among those on hand will be Metropolitan Theodosius, the primate of the Russian Orthodox Church in America and Archbishop Herman from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania.

As part of the 90th anniversary celebration, Susan Shiposki, a St. John's parishioner, has designed and created two new icons for the church: "The Mother of God" and "Christ the Teacher." Mrs. Shiposki is a noted iconographer who has created several works for the church. Her first icon was created four years ago in honor of her parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the 90 years of dedication, faith and good works of the people of St. John's Church, and I wish them all the best.

TRIBUTE TO RICKEY R. DEAN, POSTMASTER, MANASSAS, VIRGINIA, AND ALL UNITED STATES POSTAL WORKERS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce on behalf of the citizens of Virginia's 10th Congressional District the installation of Rickey Dean as the new postmaster in Manassas, Virginia on October 19, 2001.

Throughout his Postal career which started in 1983 as a letter carrier, Mr. Dean demonstrated the dedication and bravery which is seen in all our postal workers today. As a graduate of Fairmont State College in West Virginia, he has served in many positions since that time, including Supervisor, Branch Manager, and Superintendent of Postal Operations. In May 1996, he was appointed Postmaster of Warrenton, Virginia. He has served as Officer-In-Charge of facilities in Berryville, Falls Church, and Manassas. In July 2000, he served as the acting manager of Post Office Operations for the 226/227 zip code areas. Following that assignment, he was detailed to the Northern Virginia District Office as Manager of Delivery & Customer Service Programs.

My appreciation and admiration go out to Rickey Dean and his colleagues for the work and service they do on behalf of the people of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Postal workers everywhere deserve our support and prayers especially during these difficult times.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a prayer offered on Friday, October 19, at the installation of Rickey Dean, in support and appreciation of the public service postal employees provide to our great nation.

Thank you again to Mr. Dean and to all our nation's postal workers. You're doing a fabulous job.

PRAYER OFFERED BY FATHER LAWRENCE VIOLETTE

INSTALLATION OF RICKEY R. DEAN, POSTMASTER, MANASSAS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 19, 2001

God, our Father, you send your angels to give us the good news of salvation, and to